

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The claims have been replaced with a set of US-style claims that overcome all the formal objections and that clearly define the instant invention with all the particularity demanded by the statute.

The originally filed claims were rejected on a four-barrel rejection.

US 3,980,380 of Cieniawa shows a connector having standard contacts with forked ends that must be pushed sideways to grip the wires. The contacts do not extend to both sides of a central partition, and do not have axially extending arms defining an axially rearwardly open split.

US 4,011,647 also of Peterson shows in FIGS. 1-3 a contact similar to that of this invention, but not fitted in a passage holding a wire as in this invention, and in fact adapted for the wire to pass transversely diagonally across it.

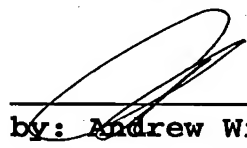
US 3,955,873 of Peterson is wholly cumulative to Peterson '647.

US 6,688,920 of Lehner shows a block assembly with nothing resembling the two simple parts of this invention holding a group of identical contacts. Here the arms of the contacts are

made to surround and grip the conductor of the wire; the do not form a split in which the wire engages.

Thus the new claims clearly define under §102 and §103 over the cited art.

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